

# THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

Old Santa "put a bug in our ear." We musn't tell you what he said because its a secret, but suffice it to say that he has made this Store his Headquarters for Christmas Buying, and has arranged with us to supply your wants. You simply come to this Store and ask to be shown something nice and suitable for a Present to a lady or gentleman, boy or girl, and you are very apt to find something that will please you, and more than please the one who recieves it. Now let us "put a bug in your ear"—COME EARLY, for Christmas buying will be some Earlier as everyone wants to have "First Pick."

YOUR FRIENDS.

*J. M. Lomax and Co.*  
THE PALACE DRY GOODS STORE  
LACLEDE, MO.

## CHRISTMAS is COMING

We have the

*Largest Line of Holiday Goods*  
Ever Brought to Laclede.

Fancy Plates, Cups and Saucers, Cake Plates, Trays, Mugs, Bohemian Table Dishes, Ruby Salads, Opalescent Glassware and the most complete line of China Salads ever brought to the town.

A Beautiful Line of Ruby and Decorated Parlor Lamps.

**Toys, Toys for the Little Boys**  
AND TOYS FOR LITTLE GIRLS.

Oceans of Notions at Low Water Mark Prices.

These goods are now arriving and will be on display by December 18. Come and inspect our stock.

**WE CAN AND WILL SELL CHEAPER.**

Make your purchases early while stock is complete.

**THE RACKET,**  
W. H. CLOUGH, Prop.  
Laclede, - - Missouri.

### TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Local Events of The Past, Present and Future That Will Interest You.

Go to Welsh & Co. for the best coal oil.

Mrs. S. F. Northup was visiting in the city this week.

A. McGrew made a business trip to Hunnwell Wednesday.

J. A. Elliott was over in Illinois Wednesday visiting an aunt.

Miss Grace Wilson is home from a three weeks' visit in Kansas City.

Bazar and chicken pie supper Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, at opera house.

Fill your lamps with oil from Welsh & Co's, and they will burn dry.

Postoffice Inspector Reid was in the city Tuesday en route to Unionville.

John T. Lomax was in Meadville Wednesday looking after his corn business.

Welsh & Co. will have coal oil the first of next week that will not put out a fire.

The Tribune announces that there is a good opening for a harness shop in Laredo.

Geo. Wingert will move to Kansas in the spring having bought a 240 acre farm near Emporia.

Dr. J. L. Burke was at Lathrop last Saturday and Sunday to see his father who was quite sick.

Now is your time to buy pretty fancy articles for Christmas gifts at Bazar Tuesday evening next.

Miss Emma Gould went to Wheeling last Sunday and visited her brother and family till Wednesday.

Miss Maude Johnson, who had been visiting in the city, returned to her home in Marceline Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Osborn and Miss Preston are home from Bigelow after an absence of several weeks.

Howard Benjamin arrived home from the West this week. He spent the summer at Yellow Stone Park.

If you want a farm loan at lowest rate and best terms see, or write J. S. Reger, Brownlee Bank, Brookfield.

J. D. Bryant's friends are glad to see him out again after being confined to his home two weeks from sickness.

B. S. Cross shipped a car of fine cattle to Chicago Monday night. Mr. Cross is one of the best feeders in the county.

I will meet all competition on farm loans, and it will be my pleasure to "show you". See or write J. S. Reger, Brookfield.

Regular meeting of the Woodmen Saturday night. One adoption and annual election of officers. A full attendance is desired.

On account of there being several cases of diphtheria in the districts the Forker and Locust Creek schools have closed till after the holidays.

Kate Wilson, who for the past few years has displayed periodical attacks of insanity, was taken to St. Joseph last week and placed in the asylum.

Rev. Ezra Downs, field secretary for Missouri Conference Claimant Fund, will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening.

It excites the wonder of the world, a magic remedy, liquid electricity, that drives away suffering and disease. Rocky Mountain Tea. 35c. W. R. Barton.

The real estate firm of Wilkins & Leech has been dissolved, Mr. Leech retiring to devote his attention to his splendid farm south of town. Mr. Wilkins will continue the business.

Judge Arthur Pratt and W. H. Pratt, of Brookfield, were up visiting their uncle, Judge J. M. Pratt, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, but is now somewhat better.

Frank Richardson, who left Laclede about four years ago, is now in the newspaper business at Pueblo, Colo. He was in Marceline a couple of weeks ago visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. C. Wright.

Sample copies of one hundred of the leading magazines and literary papers have been received at the post-office news stand. Call and select your reading matter for the year and save money by ordering now.

Amasa Lodge of Odd Fellows have elected the following officers for the ensuing semi-annual term: W. H. Clough, noble grand; A. G. Gross, vice grand; Phares Shive, recording secretary; J. L. Burke, permanent secretary; and W. R. Barton, treasurer. The installation takes place the first meeting in January.

"Christmas comes but once a year, And when it comes it brings good cheer."—Old Song.

## GOOD CHEER!

How Much These Two Little Words Imply---

Good food and plenty of it—a warm cozy home—well made and perfect fitting clothing—and last but by no means least the spirit of contentment to enjoy them all.

Now we don't sell the food, and we can't supply the home but we CAN furnish the clothes in such qualities and to such perfection as to not only give you very great satisfaction, but to produce for you and yours that Christmas joy and happiness without which no Christmas celebration would be complete.

With prosperity on every hand we have made preparations for Christmas festivities upon a grander scale than ever before, and we give herewith a few details.

### CHRISTMAS DRESS GOODS.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS.** Including Pean De Soie, Armures, Sharkskins, Melrose, Granits and many other staple weaves, ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50 per yard.

**HEAVY SUITINGS.** for un-lined Skirts and tailor made Suits—colors, black, Oxford greys, blues, browns and tans, worth \$1 a yard and as low as 25c.

**WOOL SUITINGS.** We are showing an attractive lot of these goods in all wool Venetian Cheviot, Basket weaves and many other weaves. They are extra good values at 50c per yard.

**WAISTINGS.**—All wool waist Flannels, 34 inches wide, colors, blue, red, pink and green. Price 40c. Fancy waist patterns in a variety of colors and weaves. Prices 50c, 75c and \$1 per yard.

### Christmas Footwear!

**HARLOW Shoes** for men only—stylish, comfortable and lots of know-how in the making. Price, \$3.50 and \$4.00

**KRIPPENDORF Shoes** for ladies are winners—made in Cincinnati, the home of ladies fine Shoes by a factory that does NOT make boots and plowshoes, that turns out 7,000 pairs of ladies Fine Shoes a day—A fine dress Shoe for \$2.00; and Shoes to please the most critical at \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50.

### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

**BED SPREADS.**—beautiful Moss-siller patterns in pink, blue and plain white, with or without fringe Prices from \$1 to 3.50.

**LINENS.**—Our stock of table Linens and Napkins include some every desirable pattern and are extra values. Plain and fancy Towels from 5c each to 17c a pair.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.**—A large and carefully selected stock is here for you to pick from. Prices from 1c to 100c each.

**GLOVES.**—The Ideal Xmas present, both for ladies and gentlemen, Gols; silk and fleece lined Mochas and kids, 25c to \$1.50.

### AN IMPORTANT HINT

Shop Early--Early in the morning, early in the week, and so avoid the rush.

**GEO. C. SMITH & CO.,**  
LACLEDE, MO.

### WE HAVE THEM.

You are going to buy Christmas presents? Well, WE HAVE THEM. For the young people you may want a CART, WAGON, WHEELBARROW, ROCKING HORSE, DOLL CAB, or DOLL CARRIAGE—WE HAVE THEM. A present for mother—a nice Rocker or nice piece of Furniture—WE HAVE THEM. For father—a big easy Rocker or Desk—WE HAVE THEM. For sister, or some other fellow's sister, Silver Plated ware, Framed Pictures, Wall Pockets, Dainty Rockers, etc., WE HAVE THEM. For brother or the other girl's brother, Razors, Shaving Mugs, Pocket Knives, etc., WE HAVE THEM.

For the young man who thinks he ought to be old enough to shoot, Guns, Skates or Pocket Knives, etc., WE HAVE THEM.

Nickle Plated Copper ware makes nice inexpensive presents—WE HAVE THEM.

Now we not only have all of them but lots more and we will make the price low enough so each purchaser can have a Christmas present besides.

Come early and make your selection, we will put the mark "sold" on them and you will be sure to get what you want. Come in and see if we haven't a beautiful line.

We want to see you. Come whether you wish to buy or not. You are always welcome at

**THE Model**  
FURNISHES Your House COMPLETE  
FURNISHES Your House COMPLETE  
**HILTON & CARMICHAEL, Props**

Grandpa Again.  
P. F. Felt received the following telegram today:

NEZ PERCE, Idaho, Dec. 12. Its a boy. Mother and son doing finely—father not expected to survive.  
CURRY W. FELT.

The Edical debating society has been organized by the boys of the high school. Meetings are to be held every two weeks on Friday evening in the assembly room at the public school building. The first debate was given on Friday evening of last week, many of townspeople attending.

### Christmas Entertainment.

The M. E. Sunday school is preparing for its annual Christmas entertainment. In addition to the Christmas tree will be a program composed of music and recitations, given by the Sunday school scholars. The title of the program is the "Star of Promise." It is expected that this will be one of the best Christmas entertainments ever given here. Every part of the work is in charge of a committee, and will be carefully looked after. The entertainment will be given Christmas eve, and all who desire to put presents on the tree are requested to bring them to the church before six o'clock on that day. They will be taken care of by a committee appointed for that purpose. To assist in defraying the expenses a freewill silver offering will be taken at the door from all over 14 years of age, who wish to give.

Rev. Hatcher will preach Sunday morning and evening at Wilson's hall, and Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Locust Creek school house. Business meeting of the Baptist board at the home J. P. Davis Saturday afternoon at 2:30.

E. M. Lockridge shipped out a car of hogs yesterday. He paid \$5.65 for them.

### Franklin Gets Three Years.

Fletcher Franklin, horse thief and all round crook who has been operating in this part of the state for a number of years, was convicted in the circuit court at Linneus last Tuesday and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. The charge on which he was convicted was the stealing of a span of horses from the hitchrack in Summer two years ago last night. The team belong to A. J. Brady, of Forker. One of the horses was found near Cora and recovered.

At the regular meeting of Phil Kearney Post G. A. R. held last Saturday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. L. Burke, post commander; John Duckworth, senior vice commander; C. C. Haight, junior vice commander; R. A. David, quartermaster; E. Childress, officer of the day; W. A. Cotter, outside guard; Jacob Shirey, chaplain, and J. L. Burke, trustee.

**Notice to Telephone Users.**  
Hereafter we will adhere strictly to a uniform time schedule on toll lines, and no one will be allowed to talk more than ten minutes, except on business of the most vital importance.

**LACLEDE TELEPHONE EX.**  
Chas. H. Hetrick was at Brookfield Tuesday.



**Christmas Games FREE**  
In each pound package of  
**Lion Coffee**

from now until Christmas will be found a free game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.  
Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game at Your Grocers.